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Testimony in support of H.B. 5538, AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE CENTERS.

Honorable Co-Chairmen, Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee;

My name is State Representative Roland Lemar. I am providing a testimony in favor of House Bill 5538, AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE CENTERS.

This bill, if enacted, would establish a pilot program designed to study the effectiveness of school-based health centers in New Haven. I am confident that this program, if funded would develop into a successful school-based health service initiative which would deliver the expansion of essential preventative and primary care for the children of our school system. This program, as intended would aid students by improving the early diagnosis of potential mental problems. The school-based health centers would aid in identifying behavioral issues of our children, thus providing assistance to them in a timely manner.

I encourage the Committee to consider this proposal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roland Lemar".

Roland Lemar
State Representative